

We praise you, O God, for the changing seasons and the ripening fruits of the earth, that ever affirm your promise that seedtime and harvest will not fail, so long as the earth endures. We thank you for ever nourishing our lives with the fruits of your Spirit. Strengthen now this congregation in its work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love, that our voices may speak your praise, and our lives may reflect the image of Christ. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments that we may faithfully minister in your name, and witness to your love and grace for all the world.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

“Our Father,